

Appn. No. 10/074,032
Amendment dated 11/19/03
Reply to Office Action dated 10/3/2003

under 37 CFR 1.17 (a)-(d) to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge payment of any other additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 6, beginning at line 7, with following amended paragraph:

In addition to the cage 32, the housing 25 includes a cap or cover 40 seen particularly in Figures 3-5, which may be similarly coated with a rust resistant material or the like. The cover 40 includes a downwardly depending peripheral flange 42 fitted about the top portions of the wire cage 32, and preferably fixedly secured thereto as by welding or the like. A raised portion 44 of the cover 40 defines an internal flange 44a to assist in centering the top portion of the hopper 30 in a manner to be discussed in more detail hereinafter.

Please replace the paragraph on page 7, beginning at line 13, with following amended paragraph:

Each of the feed ports 62 may include an internally extending semicircular cap 64 adapted to preclude outflow of bird food from the cavity 60 in a well known manner. The caps 64 may be adhesively secured or snappingly engaged in the feed ports 62 as independent elements as is common in the prior art, or alternatively and preferably, may be integrally formed in the hopper 30 as described in co-pending, commonly assigned, application Serial No. _____ 10/073,951 filed